

R E M A R K S

The Examiner rejected claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement since the specification allegedly did not describe a “read only” status, or that it is determined for every user account whether the individual elements of the user interface have a status “read-only” or not.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection because the “read-only” feature of claim 42 is shown in Figure 5 which shows the query “are new elements read-only?”. Thus for every user account it is determined whether the individual elements of the user interface have a status “read-only” or not.

The Examiner rejected claims 27-34, 37, 38, 39, 41, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Oishi.

Claims 27-41 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Katsuta.

All of the claims recite the input or output fields comprising graphical shift regulators and check boxes. Although the Examiner pointed to Oishi as having graphical function keys, Oishi does not have graphical shift regulators and check boxes in input and output fields. The same is true of Katsuta. As explained at Applicants specification page 10, last line through page 11 line 2, with the aid of a graphical shift regulator 1 or 2, an authorization level of the user count can be adjusted whereby preset access rights are assigned to the user account in a simple manner; and at page 11, line 3 through line 13, the specification explains that with the aid of check boxes it can be preset in Section 104 which menu items and display elements are comprised in a graphical user interface 42 output with the aid of the operating unit according to the selection of the user count. With the aid of the check

boxes, it can thereby be selected in the display region 104 whether individual user interfaces can be selected at all, and in the display region 106 individual elements of the respective user interface can be deactivated, whereby the elements of the menu item "general" listed in the display region 106 applied in the submenu "emulation". In the display region 106 a check box is then associated with each display element by activation of which the element is displayed and by deactivation of which the respective graphical element and/or input/output field is or is not shown on the user interface selected in the menu 104.

With respect to the dependent claims, these claims are allowable at least for the reasons that the independent claims are allowable. It is also noted that as to dependent claim 36 reciting that given a deactivated display, a deactivated field or a deactivated menu item are shown in a low-contrast color in comparison to a surrounding field of the menu item, that neither of the Oishi or Katsuta references show this. Although the Examiner cites Oishi Figure 5, there is no such distinguishing with a low contrast color between activated and deactivated items.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



(Reg.No.27,841)

Brett A. Valiquet
Schiff Hardin LLP
Patent Department
6600 Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: (312) 258-5786
Attorneys for Applicants.
CUSTOMER NO. 26574



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on November 2, 2005.



BRETT A. VALIQUET

CHI\4260997.1